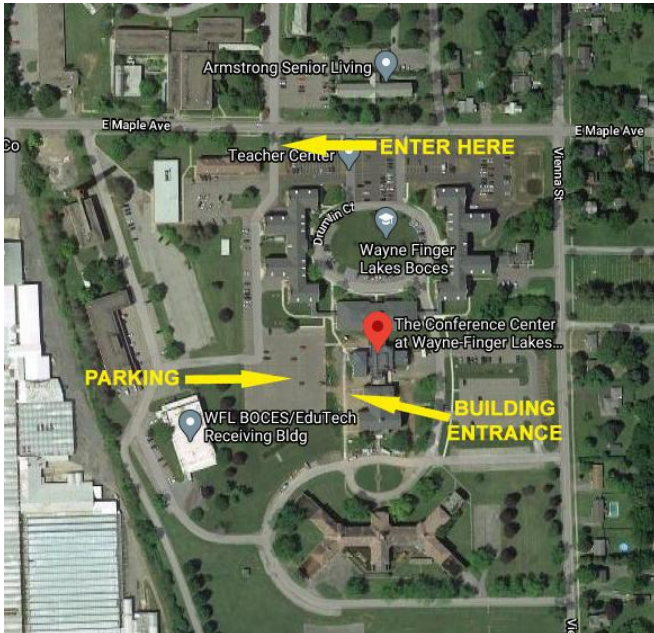


"DRUMLINS RUMBLINS"-SEPTEMBER 2021

WE'RE meeting at the **CONFERENCE CENTER** at **WAYNE FINGER LAKES**
131 DRUMLIN COURT
NEWARK NY 14513

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 15th MEETING START 7:30PM
GALA OR EMPIRE ROOM



Just follow the arrows!

From Vienna Street take the THIRD DRIVEWAY entrance going west on the left. That will bring you to the handicapped entrance and parking area. (There is an entrance on the Drumlins Circle side but there are steps. Not handicapped available.) Make a right after going through the west double entrance doors and go down the hallway. Both the Gala and Empire rooms are across from each other near the end of the hallway going south. MASKS ARE REQUIRED as we are guests of their facility. Once seated you may take off your masks.



Remember to bring some cash for your coffee and Trista's "super good" goodies to eat!



PRESIDENT'S KORNER

We've made it through summer 2021. Some luckier than others. The Gulf South, especially Louisiana, took another hard hurricane hit. My friends down there escaped with only minor damages and power was actually restored much quicker than anticipated, thanks to hard work by thousands of electrical linemen...they are often the overlooked heroes in a disaster.

The Board met Tue Sept 7. Here are some results:

1. Hamfest is proceeding for Oct 3. The VFW policy on masks is if you are vaccinated you do not need to wear a mask.
2. Club Meeting on Sept 15 will be held at the BOCES in Newark where we have been meeting. BOCES Regulations DO require wearing of masks. Please respect they allow us free use of this facility.
3. We can always use more hands at Hamfest. Any member with teenagers or family members who might be willing to help, please contact Rich Hamill at tinker@rochester.rr.com.
4. Club elections are in October. We have a number of open positions. The Club cannot function without members stepping up to take leadership positions. I stress that the future of Drumlins depends on members taking up these positions. None of them are very time consuming, but very important in helping direct the club. Open positions will include President, Treasurer, Director, Program Director and Secretary. Any club member is eligible for any of these positions. We would like to present a slate of candidates at the October meeting, however nominations from the floor are always acceptable. Please contact me if you could serve the club in any of these positions. I'll be glad to explain the position and answer any questions. You can also contact any Board member with the same questions. Please step up...keep Drumlins a viable Ham Radio Club.
5. The Board decided for the second year, due to the effects of the pandemic on everyone, to forgo dues. You still must go online to www.drumlinsarc.us and renew membership but there is no fee to do so. You can start in November to renew your membership. We hope this will help keep the club viable and provide some relief to those who want to remain active and may be financially impacted by the pandemic.

I would like to end this President's Korner with an appeal for civility in today's society. I've discussed my reasons for stepping down with the Board. I respect there are strong opinions and differences among all of us but I don't believe there is ever anything to be gained by name calling and cursing. I would hope that whoever is chosen to lead this club would deserve to be treated respectfully regardless of their views. We are free to make many individual choices in life, but we also must make choices to protect us as a society. There is no room for lack of civil discourse.

Thank you, have a safe September...

73, Bill Tegtmeyer KD2DNO, President

TREASURES REPORT SEPTEMBER

I sent a check to the VFW post for \$100 as a donation (under operating expenses) for hosting the picnic. The rest of operating expenses is GoDaddy domain renewal. We bought a new A/C for the .745 repeater hut. \$200 for ARRL insurance. \$1500 income from Excelon and we made \$4.15 in interest. I doubt I will make the hamfest, somebody else needs to start handling the treasury.

5:23 PM

09/01/21

Cash Basis

Drumlins Amateur Radio Club, Ltd.

Balance Sheet

As of September 1, 2021

	Sep 1, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1201045547 RCFU Checking	1,901.31
1201045547 RCFU Savings	6,222.78
PayPal	1,561.68
Petty Cash 745	490.69
Total Checking/Savings	<u>10,176.46</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>10,176.46</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>10,176.46</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	4,983.79
Retained Earnings	4,699.20
Net Income	493.47
Total Equity	<u>10,176.46</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>10,176.46</u>

Walter Dutcher

Drumlins Hamfest Update

We're counting down to lift off on Saturday October 2nd. Friday October 1st 4pm is targeted for setup with pizza at 6pm. If you're helping on Saturday, plan on arriving by 6:15am. Indoor vendors will start arriving before 7am and if possible we'd like to start letting them in right away.

I've received replies from quite a few Drumlins and SIARC members offering their help on Friday and Saturday. I think we still could use a couple kitchen helpers and a couple helpers for various jobs around the floor on Saturday (club table, 50/50, etc).

At the present time if you're vaccinated, masks are not required in the hall. We're asking everyone use their own discretion for mask wearing.

KJI has confirmed they will be attending the Hamfest and RWAntenna is still checking on their availability. We have some great door prizes including HT's, cash prizes, electronics toolkit, ARRL gift certificate and the GRAND prize Yeasu FTM7250DR mobile rig.



C4FM /FM 144/430MHz Dual-Band Digital Mobile 50W C4FM/FM Dual-Band Digital

Looking forward to seeing everyone and having another great Drumlins Hamfest.

Thanks Rich KC2TNJ



RACES-ARES SEPTEMBER 2021



YES! It is PUMPKIN PATROL time again! Halloween is Saturday and Sunday, October 30th and 31st this year. I have sent out an email, as you have seen, before this newsletter. DARC and SIARC are working together to cover the "posts" on the NYS Thruway bridges. Working together is a blessing with a bigger pool of volunteers, I can assign a volunteer one bridge for one night. As the same as the past years, all you need from Troop T and from me will be emailed to you.

Please contact me if you can find a night to volunteer! If you are a "returning" volunteer and if your "information" from last year has not changed, all you need to do is contact with which one night you would like to have a boring but quiet night. Hi hi!

If you are a NEW VOLUNTEER, please email me with your callsign, vehicle plate number you will use that night and your cell number. I kid in the last paragraph of your volunteering being boring and quiet but this is why we are such an importance. Until REACT groups with CB radios were formed Troop T had problems with pumpkins (and at times other objects), being thrown from bridges. Thus, the Pumpkim Patrol was created to help Troop T. Amateur radio got involved since our 2m comms with repeaters was more reliable.



COMEX 21-4 is coming up the last of October. I have told you so many times that MARS is asking for amateur involvement. Maybe this time this help may be asked. "The sky is falling !," as the old tale goes, seems to be more that has happened. As I get more clarification from MARS in October about COMEX 21-4, I will email you.

See you next month. 73 & 88, Dave KB2KBY kb2kby@rochester.rr.com C:315-871-8767

ELECTION POSITIONS OPEN-DARC PROGRAM

September is our start month for another year of DARC meetings. Good grief! It is not fall officially until September 22nd, Wednesday. Climatically September 1st is fall according to our National Weather Service. Hi hi. But this also means is is time for DARC elctions postions to be filled! Please, read the "President's Korner" and consider filling one of the open DARC positions for the October election. The new elected postions start Janury of 2022.



September is a time to catch up from our last real DARC meeting in June. Summer is busy and the real start of summer vacations, etc. So we skipped the July meeting. (SIARC skips August with their elections in September.), and our annual picnic which we had at the Palmyra VFW pavilion August 11th replaces our DARC August meeting. I'll have pictures of the picnic to show. But, here is one:



The "Chief" cook, our KC2TNJ, Rich, needs recognition once again! Rich has some help, yes, naturally. But the organization and getting this picnic cooked on time for the 25 members and guests present for our consumption is all Rich! Rich has so many "irons in the fire" DARC VP is all he can handle. The Palmyra VFW pavilion is the perfect spot for our picnic no matter the weather. Rich is one that grabs the spot for us every August. Rich, Thank you! Kudos! "FB!" Thumbs up!

REPEATER REPORT - SEPTEMBER

Repeater Report Sept 2021

146.685- intermittently suffering from static issues, will have to investigate this some more.

146.745- have to update hamfest macro, and the new AC unit is working well!

224.900- working good at 30 watts, hourly time ID,

444.750-let Justin know that Wires-x was down, are we using it? Heard a repeater in PA on this freq. due to inversion.

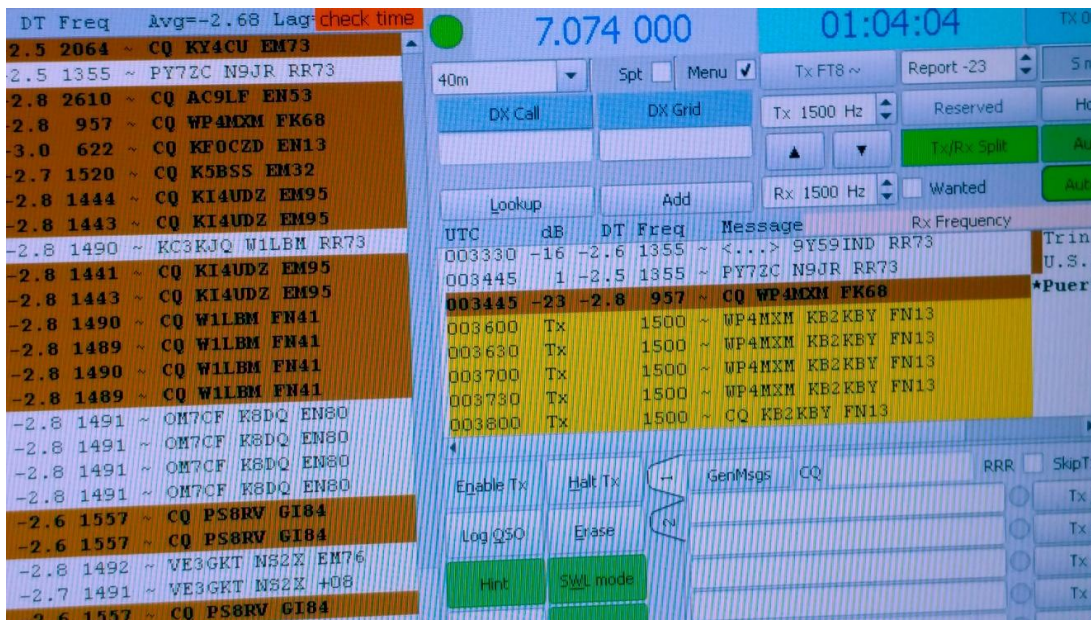
Where is everyone?

FINAL HAPPY NOTE!

All of you know of my very compromised QTH shack and my so called "antenna farm." Yes, it is a laugh for sure. But look at this:



I play with the WSPR-X FT8 as you know. This picture shows a screenshot of a special version that was made for older computers. I have an old and I mean, really, old XP laptop with SP-3 on it. (KC2TCM, Jay, replaced the Vista on this laptop for me. Remember, Jay?) My XYL (and my Fairport grandson as well), says I have a lot of computers which I do. They may be outdated but even the oldest computer still works well for most of the digital modes. On one of the SIARC weeknight "welfare and health net" I was playing around with the FT8 and not paying attention as well. Hi hi. Me! Not pay attention? I was having problems getting the program to read out the "monitored" stations on the big left box even though the waterfall sure shows the signals. Look at this picture! (I made it larger to see easier.)



I didn't realize I was automatically transmitting in the little window in yellow! Hi hi! As you can see WP4MXM was trying to "get me." My HF rig was transmitting ONE watt into my MLA! WP4MXM is in Porta Rico 1,829 miles away! Are you kidding me? No, I am not. This FT8 is unbelievable to be heard with 1 watt! Give the FT8 a try. I am sorry to say, WP4MXM didn't hear my reply QSL. I think? Hi hi.

My point? If I can have some fun with this "radio" with my compromised QTH, you should be able too with a bigger and better antenna farm. You can "puff out your chest" a little of what you are doing. This newsletter

needs articles. Maybe even a program like N2MKT did for us. It doesn't have to be me, "big mouth Dave," all the time. 73 & 88, Dave

KB2NCI SIARC "HEALTH and WELFARE" NET

In August, Tom, KB2NCI, reached a milestone with the SIARC health and welfare net on weekday nights at 2000L (8:00PM), time on the 146.820 (PI 110.9), repeater. Tom had the 365th net! AA2AV, Paul, a regular checkin and in one of the FD pictures, wrote up an article for "QST" and "CQ" magazines. Hopefully this picture will be printed too of some of the checkin gang.



If this picture isn't proof of my daughter's theory of "Dad, all these hams are old like you.," I don't know what picture will. Hi hi. But it is a good looking bunch regardless. Kudos to Tom, centered in the first row of the picture, for being so faithful as NCS and blessed with a very patient XYL. Feel free to join the net as it is still going! And may I had going still strongly! (I missed the picture as I had a commitment. Darn it!)

Finally, since this is near the end of the "official" summer this month, I thought I'd add this cartoon:



Yes, the holiday camping season is closing!



(Sorry!)